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Develop a code or bill, which will officially require that all irrigation water discharged into groundwater be 100% free of contaminants

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Monitoring the location where contaminated water will be discharged

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Dams, lakes, and rivers, where drinking water for the community is drawn

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Permits and fines for discharges of contaminated water

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Change fertilizers in use to those free of nitrates

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Mandate a permit for dirty water discharges. This permit must state that all contaminated water must be cleaned so it will be free of contaminants prior to being used in irrigation systems. Impose fines on everyone who does the above without a permit, which in turn, will avoid the continuous contamination of the groundwater

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It will imply more expenses for the State (health issues) but it will be better to prevent than cure.

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There are many questions and few answers. Epidermis and gastrointestinal illnesses are increasing due to the water. This is expensive – we are buying bottled water and filters so we can safely drink the water.

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The way each company or dairy operates. If said company does not operate year round it may not contaminate the groundwater all year. A program to regulate these companies must be very well worded to avoid that the companies and dairies give excuses for not complying with the law.

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Type of contaminants being discharged onto the groundwater

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Periodic follow up in lieu of just development and keep it in the file

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Of course, products free of chemicals could be replaced by organic products or by a recycling system

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Yes, of course, as a consumer I wish to be kept informed

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I believe it would be necessary that the staff of each water district must be invited to participate

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All impacted communities must be informed of any program implemented which will either benefit or harm the community